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OAS Set to Tell Castro Force May Be Used

By the Associated Press

The inter-American foreign ministers conference was expected to slap diplomatic and trade sanctions on Cuba today and warn the Fidel Castro regime it faces a possible armed attack if it continues subversive aggression.

The action is contained in a resolution that is expected to win the support of 15 countries.

The United States will go along with any measure aimed at tightening the isolation of the Castro regime.

Stand Subject to Change

The resolution, still subject to change at a closed door meeting today, condemns Cuba for its subversive efforts to overthrow the government of Venezuela and resolves that the governments of the American states:

1. Wil not maintain diplomatic nor consular relations with Cuba.
2. Will interrupt all trade, direct or indirect, with Cuba, with the exception of foodstuffs, medicines and medical equipment.
3. Will interrupt all air and maritime transport with Cuba with the exception of transport necessary for humanitairan and emergency purposes.

Some Latin American delegates to the conference said the exception in this clause was made in order not to affect the present regularly scheduled Cuban airline service between Mexico and Havana—Cuba's only scheduled air link in the hemisphere.

⅔ Vote Necessary

The resolution has to be approved by a two-thirds vote of the 19 voting countries at the conference to be effective.

Mexico and Chile oppose the sanctions and the positions of Uruguay and Bolivia were uncertain. These nations still have diplomatic relations with Cuba.

The resolution, presented by Colombia, Costa Rica and Panama, provides that the sanctions be called off "from the moment in which the Cuban government has ceased to constitute a danger for the peace and the security of the continent."

But it also warned Cuba that if the Castro regime persiste in acts of subversive aggressic against any OAS member th nations preserved their rights t use legitimate individual or co lective defense.